

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Lands Act

Public Comment

On March 17, 2018 the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation held its annual General Membership Meeting, at which the Tribal Council shared draft legislation to assist the Tribe in fulfilling its self-determination. The intent of this legislation, the *Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Lands Act*, is to provide the Tribe the ability to efficiently manage tribally owned lands, resources, and programs, and ensure a timely fee-to-trust process with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for all fee-land owned by the Tribe in California, all while respecting the sovereignty of neighboring tribes, the jurisdiction of local governments, and the rights of local property owners.

Feedback from local stakeholders, including neighboring tribes, local governments, and property owners, will provide us with valuable input from the region on the Lands Act and will help us determine the next steps we will take with Congressman Huffman in an effort to assist the Tribe in its self-determination movement.

The Tribe values all comments brought forward, and is committed to the long term partnership and success of Del Norte County and the surrounding region. Please submit comments to the Office of Self-Governance by emailing Briannon.Fraley@tolowa.com or by mailing or dropping off comments to:

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation
C/O Office of Self-Governance
140 Rowdy Creek Road
Smith River, CA 95567

Please include name, address, and phone number on all comments. A review of comments is expected to take place June 28, 2018.

Shu' shaa nin-la,

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Chairperson, on behalf of the Tribal Council